

**BANKS HURRY
TO JOIN WITH
MONEY PLANS**

Response to the New Law
Comes From Over the
Nation Generally.

WORKING OUT PROGRAM

Selection of Federal Reserve
Cities Is to Be Commenced
Immediately.

Washington, Dec. 24.—With all the power of the law fresh from the pen of President Wilson behind them, Secretaries McAdoo and Houston today began working out the details of the nation's new financial system.

Acting as an organization committee, they will determine the important preliminary moves to actual installation of the machinery that will operate the federal reserve system.

The first step taken up by the secretaries will be the selection of cities where the federal reserve banks, the backbone of the system, are to be located. The law provides not less than eight and not more than 12.

The organization committee is empowered to employ counsel, summon witnesses and papers, and go deeply into the location of the reserve reservoirs. Its decision is not subject to review by the federal reserve board.

Cities that can hardly be kept off the tentative list would include New York, Chicago, St. Louis, San Francisco and New Orleans. The organization is empowered to prescribe the membership in the system. Applications from all over the United States have been flowing into the treasury.

Local interests ignored.

McAdoo said he expected to actually begin the formal work of selecting federal reserve cities tomorrow.

"We expect to consider the problem in the light of what is the most benefit to the entire country and local interests are not to be regarded," said he. "We will probably choose districts first and then choose cities in each district where a reserve bank will be located."

McAdoo expressed satisfaction with the way banks had responded to the law and said he had no doubt but most of the national banks of the country will enter the new system. He added, "I believe it will prove an unexpected success and the greatest thing that has happened in the country in many years."

President Congratulated.

Hundreds of telegrams and letters of congratulation on the signing of the bill poured into the White house. Secretary Tamm found it impossible to read all the expressions of opinion from bankers, commercial industrial leaders and professional men in all parts of the country. Many telegrams declared the president's speech last night had vitalized the currency measure, and commended his characterization of the attitude of industrial leaders toward "day of concession and accommodation" between business and government as "the constitution of peace."

**FORMER POLICEMAN
GOES TO STATE PEN**

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 24.—John O'Donnell, former policeman and fireman, today was found guilty of manslaughter in killing Philip Sullivan, a politician and saloonkeeper, last September. He was given an indeterminate sentence of a year to life.

Another Dark Day in Chicago.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 24.—Midnight darkness spread over Chicago this forenoon, due to fog, smoke and absence of air currents. It is the fourth incident of the kind within two months.

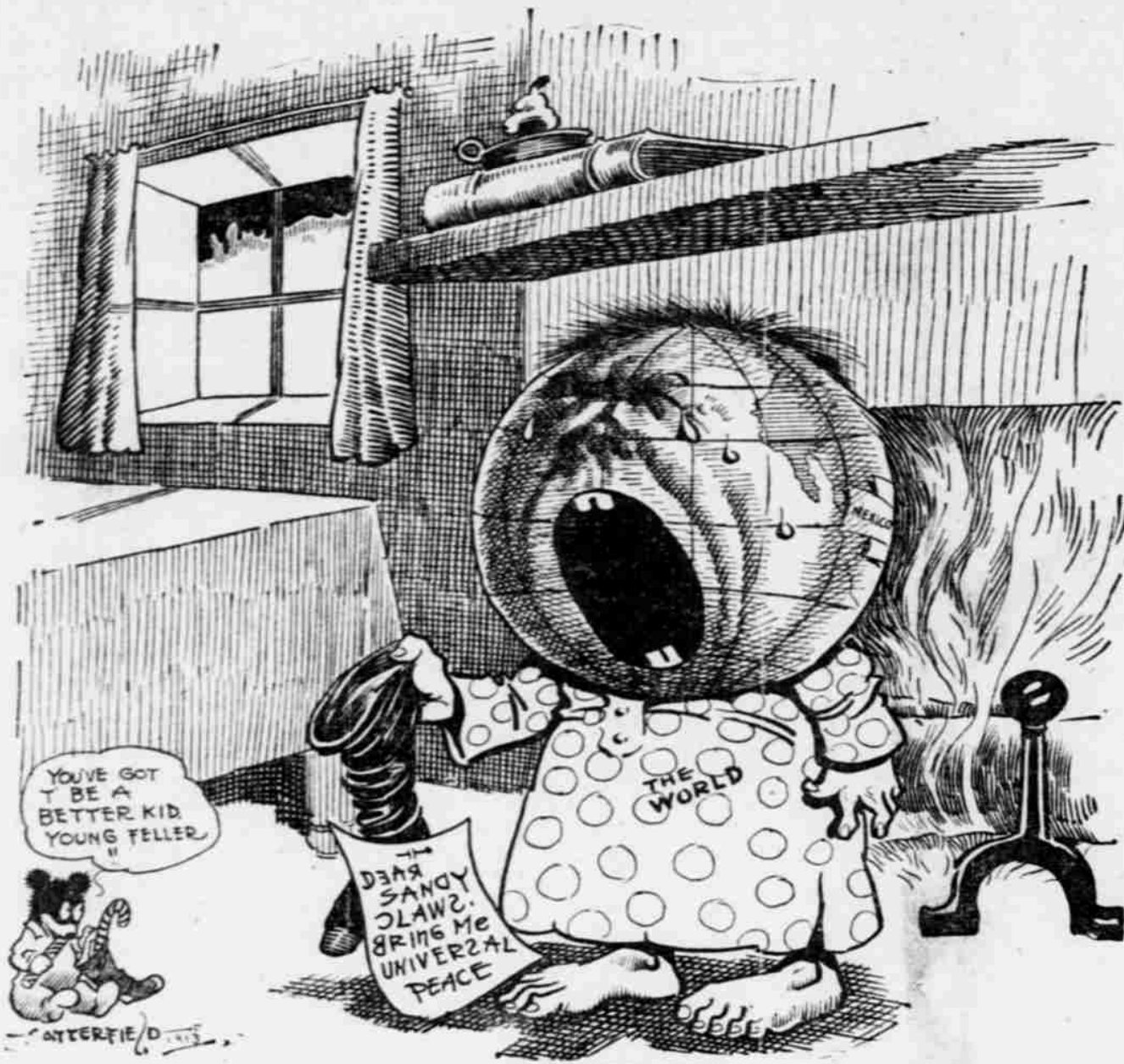
Dense crowds of belated Christmas shoppers made the work of crossing policemen difficult, while the darkness lasted. There were no accidents.

Hinkey Yale Head Coach.

Dayton, Ohio, Dec. 24.—Frank Hinkey, famous star of '90, will be head coach of the Yale football eleven next fall. This is the announcement by Captain Talbot, home here for Christmas.

**8 ARE BURNED IN
WASHINGTON FIRE**

Washington, Dec. 24.—Five firemen were seriously though not fatally injured in an early morning fire which burned out a five and ten-cent store in the downtown business district. The burning floors collapsed, burying the five who were rescued after being given up as lost. The monetary loss is \$190,000, fully insured.

EMPTY**PUTS MRS. YOUNG
BACK IN OLD JOB**

Reorganized Chicago School
Board Orders Superintendent's
Reinstatement.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Ella Young was reinstated as superintendent of the Chicago public schools yesterday afternoon at a sensational meeting of the board of education.

By the same action the election of John D. Shoop, accompanied by a secret ballot 13 days ago, was revoked, and Mr. Shoop was put back in his old position as assistant superintendent.

Four ousted school trustees were in their seats and made more or less vociferous efforts to be heard. But President Reinberg did not recognize them. The four men appointed by Mayor Harrison were also present and voted solidly for Mrs. Young.

Seven trustees, still holding office, continued in opposition to Mrs. Young and did not vote at all on the final roll call. Their attitude indicated that but for the ousting of the other four the election of Mr. Shoop could not have been overturned.

The ousted men promised to carry the matter into the courts, probably through quo warranto, when Mrs. Young returns the first of the year and undertakes to resume her office.

At present Mrs. Young is recuperating in Tyron, N. C. President Peter Reinberg of the board said at the meeting that she would accept reelection, and in this he is supposed to voice the understanding of Mayor Harrison, who for 10 days has been working for her reinstatement.

The final showdown on open roll call for reelection of Mrs. Young was as follows:

For Mrs. Young—Dean Sninner, J. F. Smietanka, J. M. Loebe, M. J. Collins, Axel Strom, J. A. Metz, President Reinberg, C. S. Peterson, Mrs. Britton, J. W. Eckhart, Mrs. MacMahon, H. A. Lipsky, J. A. Holpuch. Total, 13.

Did Not Vote.—Mrs. Vosbrink, Dr. Warning, R. J. Rousten, Dr. Cleminson, Thomas Kelly, J. J. Sonstebly, William Rothmann. Total, 7.

Ousted—Names Not Called.—J. C. Harding, H. W. Huttman, J. B. DiBelka, C. O. Sehnass. Total, 4.

Absent in California.—D. R. Cameron (favors Mrs. Young's retention). Total, 1.

A reporter asked Mr. Shoop after the meeting whether he would fight to hold the position of superintendent of schools. "Please don't ask me about that," said Mr. Shoop. "You will have to see my attorney. You might say that I will not do anything that is not legal. The whole controversy is most deplorable. Of course, at present in Mrs. Young's absence, I am still acting superintendent. I wish I could give you a more abundant interview."

Collin C. H. Fyffe, attorney for the four ousted members of the board of education whose disqualification made possible the reinstatement of Mrs. Young, said he would ask the state's attorney to institute quo warranto proceedings to restore his clients to the board.

Von Klein Guilty of Bigamy.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 24.—Edmund E. C. Von Klein of Chicago was found guilty of bigamy here last night. The indictment was that he lived here big-

amously with Ethel Newcomb in 1911. He was twice tried on a charge of stealing Miss Newcomb's jewels, each trial resulting in disagreement. In the course of the trial Von Klein's father, a Chicago scientist, died. Through his brother, Von Klein denied that his father had paid the expenses of his trials or that his heart had been broken by his son's troubles.

**FORMER PREMIER
DENMARK IS DEAD**

Jacob Broennhurs Scavenius Es-
trup Passes at Copenhagen
at the Age of 88.

Copenhagen, Dec. 24.—Jacob Broennhurs Scavenius Esstrup, many years a leading politician in Denmark, is dead, aged 88. He entered politics in 1854 as a member of the lower house. From 1875 to 1894 he was premier and finance minister of the Danish cabinet. In 1900 he was made a member of the upper house. Esstrup, together with the king, defied parliament many years. On many occasions Esstrup dissolved the chambers when they refused to pass his budgets, and the finances of Denmark were kept in order by provisional laws. During nearly the whole of his term of office the majority of parliament was against him. An attempt to assassinate him was made in 1885.

**TAVENNER COMES TO
PEPPER'S OBSEQUIES**

Washington, Dec. 24.—The congressional committees which will attend the funeral of the late Congressman Pepper in Ottumwa on Friday will leave Washington at 6:15 tonight, arriving in Ottumwa Friday morning.

Because so many of his friends begged to accompany the house committee the speaker decided to appoint ten members besides the Iowa delegation. They include Representatives Lloyd and Russell of Missouri; Doolittle of Kansas; Ashbrook of Ohio; Tavenner and Buchanan of Illinois; Lobeck and Sloan of Nebraska; Thomas of Kentucky and Stemp of Virginia.

Vice President Marshall appointed the following committee from the senate to attend the funeral of Congressman Pepper:

Iowa—Cummins, Kenyon.
Washington—Jones.
Illinois—Lewis.
North Dakota—Gronna.
New Jersey—Martine.
Missouri—Reed.
Colorado—Thomas.

A date for memorial services by both the house and senate will be set immediately after the holiday recess of congress.

To Prosecute Auto Owners.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 24.—Secretary of State Harry Woods yesterday ordered the criminal prosecution of automobile owners who still are using their 1912 license numbers. In letters to Floyd E. Thompson, state's attorney of Rock Island county, and Neis F. Anderson, state's attorney of Henry county, Mr. Woods asked that prosecutions be commenced in their counties against owners who failed to obtain 1913 licenses.

Mitchell Takes Oath.

New York, Dec. 24.—John Parroy Mitchell took the oath of office as mayor today.

**MEXICAN REBELS
TAKE TORREON**

Twelve Thousand Men Said to
Have Been Engaged, Heavy
Loss of Life Resulting.

Juarez, Mexico, Dec. 24.—After heavy fighting at Torreon, the rebels have retaken the city from the federales, according to reports. It is said 12,000 men were engaged, and there was much loss of life. General Huerta, rebel commander, was wounded. Reports were brought by couriers from Jimenez, half way between Torreon and Chihuahua.

Convinced that Northern Mexico is practically swept clear of federal opposition, General Villa sent South from Chihuahua supplies of ammunition and soldiers in preparation for an attack on Torreon.

**FREE OF CHARGE
OF SLAYING GIRL**

Clinton, Ill., Jury Acquits Dr. H.
E. Price and Angel Gandia,
Student.

Clinton, Ill., Dec. 24.—The jury today returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of Dr. H. E. Price of Clinton and Angel Gandia, a young Porto Rican, who was charged with the murder of Miss Marguerita Trainor of Ottumwa, Ill. Miss Trainor and Gandia were students at the University of Illinois at Urbana. She died at Clinton five months ago after an operation.

Illinoisans Married in West.

Los Angeles, Dec. 24.—Joseph D. Gaines, 58 years old, Los Angeles, and Carrie Villal, 54, DeKalb, Ill.; Charles H. Jacobson, 25, Los Angeles, and Eula C. Jordan, 27, Savoy, Ill., procured marriage licenses here yesterday.

San Francisco—Jacques Bostick was arrested here, charged with having robbed a Southern Pacific passenger train near El Monte, Dec. 1, and having murdered James Montague, a passenger agent, who attempted to resist him. The police took from him the watch of the train flagman and a pocketful of pawn tickets.

**ALIENISTS CLAIM
SCHMIDT INSANE**

New York, Dec. 24.—The fourth alienist called by the defense at the trial of Hans Schmidt for the murder agreed with his predecessors that the priest is insane.

Judge Foster told the jurors the trial must be finished before the expiration of the term, Dec. 31. "There must be no mistrial," he said.

After displaying to the jury a chart of the Schmidt family tree, indicating cases of insanity, delirium tremens, suicide and attempts at suicide among Schmidt's ancestors, the defense rested its case with the reservation that opportunity would be taken later to propound hypothetical questions. The state then began rebuttal.

**WILSONS ACT
SANTA CLAUS
TO POOR FOLK**

President, His Wife and
Daughters Send Out Hun-
dreds of Gifts.

TOYS FOR THE KIDDIES

While Turkeys, Hams, etc., Are
Left at Homes in Washing-
ton Where Needed.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Christmas cheer went out from the White house today to hundreds of needy in Washington by direction of the President and Mrs. Wilson and their daughters, Margaret and Eleanor.

Before the president's family left for Mississippi last night, deserving families of the capital had been listed for practical Christmas gifts. Many of these were discovered by Mrs. Wilson and her daughters through personal investigations.

Accordingly two large automobile trucks left the White house early today, loaded with turkeys, hams, vegetables, cooked foods of many kinds, fruits, nuts, toys and knickknacks for the children of the poor. The entire day was taken up by White house attaches making deliveries.

Gifts for the president and members of his family arrived constantly during the day.

Secretary McAdoo will be acting president of the United States tomorrow. In the absence of the president and vice president, he becomes the ranking official left in Washington for the Christmas day.

All government departments closed at noon and all employees were permitted to draw all their salary up to that hour.

Employees presented Secretary Redfield a toy motor boat.

Assistant Secretary Sweet, "the mighty hunter from Michigan," was presented a tiny gun.

Speaker Clark, after Christmas dinner with his family, will leave for a three weeks' lecture tour in New England.

Bryan at Winter Home.

Secretary Bryan is at his winter home at Miami, Fla.

Secretary Garrison will spend Christmas with his brother in New Jersey.

Secretary Daniels will dine in Washington, but will later go to Raleigh, N. C.

Attorney General McReynolds will spend Christmas with his mother at Elkton, Ky.

All other cabinet officials will dine at their homes here.

Vice President and Mrs. Marshall have gone to their home in Indianapolis.

Secretaries Daniels and Garrison found on their desks Christmas gifts from Andrew Carnegie. A recently published cartoon, satirizing war, with a plea for international peace, was the ironmaster's remembrance to the heads of the two departments of the national defense.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 24.—The president passed through here at ten this morning, enroute to Pass Christian, Miss. He was greeted by a big crowd and shook hands with many.

Salvation Army Needs Funds.

New York, Dec. 24.—The Salvation Army sent many women into the financial district to seek contributions for its Christmas dinner fund.

"If we do not get \$2,000 by nightfall," said Eva Booth, commander of the army, "we will have a deficit and many will have to go without dinner."

Salina, Kan., Dec. 24.—Because of diphtheria, all Christmas exercises in the various churches and schools have been called off. No public gathering of children will be permitted during the holidays.

Hitch Is Acquitted.

Paris, Ill., Dec. 24.—Following the introduction of evidence for the state, Judge Maxwell ordered a verdict of not guilty in the case against United States Marshal Charles P. Hitch, charged with the sale of liquor in anti-saloon territory. The case grew out of Marshal Hitch's connection as secretary and treasurer with an organization known as the Reservoir Park Boating and Fishing club, holding under lease a piece of city property for park purposes. The stand privilege at the park was held by Samuel Hybarger, under lease from the club, and in a recent action he was convicted of selling beer. A similar case was then instituted against Marshal Hitch, it being alleged that he had personally sublet the stand privilege to Hybarger and received a share of the proceeds.

The evidence of the state failed to connect Mr. Hitch in any way with the alleged sales of liquor, showing, on the contrary, that he had repeatedly warned Hybarger against violation of the law.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 p. m. Tomorrow, for
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline
and Vicinity.

Unsettled tonight and Thursday;
probably snow flurries; colder, with
the lowest temperature tonight about
20 degrees; moderate to brisk variable
winds, becoming northwesterly.

Temperature at 7 a. m., 29; highest
yesterday, 34; lowest last night, 27.
Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 3 miles
per hour.

Precipitation, none.
Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 100;
at 7 a. m., 98.
Stage of water, 2.5; a fall of .2 in
last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening stars: Jupiter, Saturn. Morn-
ing stars: Mars, Mercury, Venus. The
first magnitude star Procyon, close to
the horizon, due east, belongs to con-
stellation Canis Minor.

**WOMEN PUT STOP
TO SALOON POKER**

Members of Arlington, Ill.,
Presbyterian Church Enforce
Closing Law Also.

Arlington, Ill., Dec. 24.—Thirty-five
women, members of the Presbyterian
church of this village, have caused the
two saloonkeepers to abolish features
of their places which were specially
objectionable to the women.

Under the leadership of Mrs. A. Red-
dus, whose husband was pastor of
the church, the women succeeded in
abolishing poker playing in the back
rooms of the saloons and forced the
proprietors to close the places at 11
o'clock.

Arlington is a village of about 400
inhabitants, its business street con-
taining two general stores, two sa-
loons, a postoffice and a bank.

Although it is so small that only
two trains a day stop there, it pos-
sesses the only saloons in Westfield
township, Bureau county.

According to Mrs. Thomas Nielly,
one of the leaders in the fight against
the poker playing and slot machines,
the saloons would now be closed if it
had not been for the death of Rev. A.
Reddus. He died last Saturday and
his widow has gone to Iowa to live,
leaving the members of the church
to fight without her aid.

Not only do the women claim a par-
tial victory, but the saloonkeepers,
Thomas Keenan and Frank Nolan, con-
cede them the laurels. Both admitted
that "little games" were formerly
played in the back rooms of the sa-
loons, and that they remained open
until "No. 3," a late train, went
through. That made the closing time
uncertain, they said, but they did not
obey the ordinance of the village,
which said they should close at 11
o'clock.

Letters, petitions, personal visits
and threats were received by S. J.
Prescott, president of the village board
and by the six members. John Brown,
the village marshal, Sheriff Thomas
Beyers of Princeton, Ill., and the sa-
loonkeepers themselves also received
letters from the women.

At first the protests were ignored,
but a week ago Mayor Prescott issued
orders to Marshal Brown directing him
to order the saloonkeepers to abolish
card playing, close their doors at 11
o'clock and not to open on Sundays.
The slot machines are still in opera-
tion.

The ire of the women reached a climax
when John Kelly, a resident of the
village for many years, was taken to
the county farm at Princeton. They
heard he had spent his last \$10 trying
to "beat" a slot machine in the sa-
loon of Thomas Keenan.

The organization of a club to be
known as the Arlington Renovating
club is now being proposed, the ob-
ject being to keep close supervision
over the saloons as long as they exist
and to organize the women of West-
field township to vote on the local
option question next April in an effort
to make the township dry.

Congressman Hoxworth Ill.

Galesburg, Ill., Dec. 24.—Congress-
man S. A. Hoxworth of the Fifteenth
district is seriously ill at his home in
Rapatee. His physicians say his ailment
is not cancer of the stomach, as
reported, but indigestion. The con-
gressman has been confined to his
bed for a month and it will be another
month before he can leave home.

Thaw Commission Meets.

Concord, N. H., Dec. 24.—The com-
mission appointed by the federal court
to determine the present mental con-
dition of Harry Thaw, in connection
with an application for release on bail,
held a brief session and adjourned
until Monday.

Stone Out of Danger.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Senator Stone
of Missouri, taken down by grip a few
days ago, is reported out of danger
by his physicians.

Council Bluffs, Iowa, Dec. 24.—Matt
Melgen, proprietor of one of the lead-
ing hotels in Council Bluffs and well
known among hotel men of the coun-
try, is dead.

New York—Forty fishermen scram-
bled off the schooner Seneca in North
river Tuesday to the tug Daniel Wil-
lard, just before the schooner, with a
big gap in its side, sank in 25 feet
of water. Backing out of its pier, it
had been rammed amidships by the
tug. No one was hurt.

**FINED QUACK
IN AN EFFORT
TO SLAY TWO**

Fires Upon Attorney of
State Board and Then
Tries Suicide.

IS UNABLE TO PAY \$100

Charles Alling, Chicago, Target
for Murderous Attack of
Frank Klimek.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 24.—A sensational
attempt on the life of Charles Alling,
former alderman, now attorney for the
state board of health, was made to-
day by an alleged quack medical
practitioner, Frank Klimek, who then
turned the revolver on himself, in-
dicting probably fatal wounds. P. H.
Schwaba, assistant to Alling, was
slightly wounded.

Alling was shot in the eye and lost
consciousness. A physician, after a
surface examination, was unable to
tell whether the wound would prove
fatal. The shooting was in Alling's
office in the presence of a number of
clients. It grew out of the prosecu-
tion of Klimek for practicing medicine
without a license. The prosecution
was instituted by the state board of
health, represented by Alling and
Schwaba. Klimek was fined \$200.

Today Klimek called and asked
Alling to try and have the fine re-
duced. Alling replied he would use
his good offices and recommended
that the fine be reduced to \$100.

Did Not Have Amount.

"You don't need to do that," said

Klimek, "because I will have to go to
jail anyway. I haven't got \$100."

Alling was about to reply when
Klimek is said to have drawn a re-
volver and fired. Schwaba rushed
forward, but was dazed by the second
bullet, which grazed his head. Klimek
then fired a bullet into his own left
side.

Alling is 48, and was born in Mad-
ison, Ind. He graduated from the law
department of the University of Michi-
gan in 1888, when he began the prac-
tice of law in Chicago. He was judge
advocate of the first brigade, Illinois
National guard, and deacon of the
First Presbyterian church. He is a
bachelor.

Alling late regained consciousness.
His physician said he would recover.

**ROADS' EMPLOYEES
TO HAVE PASSES**

Lucey Holds New Utilities Law
Does Not Prohibit Issuance
of Free Rides.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 24.—At the re-
quest of a number of railroads, Attorney
General Lucey today gave it as his
opinion that the new utilities law
does not prohibit issuance of passes
to employees, agents and physicians of
railroads. The opinion made no
reference to other passes.

TO REMEMBER BILLY RUGH

Miss Elsie Smith to Have Christmas
Wreath for His Grave.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 24.—Billy Rugh,
crippled newsboy who gave up his life
for Miss Elsie Smith of Gary, will not
be forgotten Christmas by the girl
whose life he saved.

On the Christmas tree at Elsie's
home will hang a wreath of flowers for
Billy's grave. It will be placed there
at the girl's request. "For memory's
sake I don't want Billy to be forgotten
on the day when all the rest of the
world is happy," she said.

Miss Smith recently underwent an
operation supplemental to the one in
which Billy Rugh gave up his life.
She will be released from the hospital
Christmas eve. With her and her
family around the tree on Christmas
day will be Elsie's brother, Ray, who
lost an arm in a hunting accident 19
days ago.

Cambridge, Mass.—Observations of
the Belevan comet received at the
Harvard observatory from Cordoba,
Argentina, and from the naval ob-
servatory at Washington, indicate that
the celestial visitor is increasing in
brilliance and can now be seen
through a small telescope.

**HOME DYNAMITED
AND TEN INJURED**

Bellaire, Ohio, Dec. 24.—The resi-
dence of Emil Demarco, an Italian
storekeeper, was demolished and its
10 occupants injured, nine seriously,
by dynamite. Two suspects were ar-
rested.